

A breefe balet touching the traytorous

takynge of Scarbozow Castell. by Thomas Stafford

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O valiaunt inuaders gallant's gaie.
Who, with your compeeres conquere
ringe the route,
Castels oꝝ towꝝ: all standynge in
your waie,
Ye take, controlling all estates most
stoutc.
Yet had it now bene good to looke
aboute.

Scarbozow castell: to haue let alone,
And take Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

By Scarbozow castell, not Scarbozow:
I onely meane: but further vnderstande,
Eche Hauene, eche hold, oꝝ other harbozow,
That our good Kyng and Queene do holde in hande:
As dewe obedience bindth vs in bande.
Their Scarbozow castels to let a lone,
And take Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

The scalers of which castells euermore,
In bookes of olde, and in our eyes of new:
Haue alway lost them selues and theirs therfore.
All this ye did forget: in time to be.
Which myght haue wrought both you and yours tescbew:
Lettyng Scarbozow castel now alone,
Takynge Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

This Scarbozow castell, synplie standynge:
Yet could that castell slyp you begyle,
Ye thought ye tooke the castell: at your landynge:
The castell takynge you: in the selfe whyle.
Eche stone within the castell wall did smyle,
That Scarbozow castell ye let not alone,
And tooke Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

Your puttyng now in bre your dyuylishe dreame,
Hath made you see (and lyke enough to seele)
A fewe faise traytours can not wynnne a reame,
Good subiectes be (and will be) trew as stele.
To stand with you, the ende they lyke no deele.
Scarbozow castels they can lette alone,
And take Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

They know god's law: to be their Kyng and Queene.
Not take from them: but kepe for them their owne.
And geue to them: when such traytours are seene
As ye are now: to bynge all ouerthowne:
They wooꝝke your ouerthow, by god's power growne,
God saith: let Scarbozow castell alone,
Take Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

To late for you, and in time for the rest
Of your most traytorous sect (if any bee)
You all are spectacles at full witnest:
As other weare to you: treason to flee,
Which in you past, yet may the rest of pee:
The saide Scarbozow castells let alone,
And take Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

This terme Scarbozow warnynge, grew (some say).
By hasty hangynge, for rank robbys theare.
Who that was met, but suspect in that way,
Streight was he trust by: what euer he weare.
Wherupon the cues thynkynge good to forbear,
Scarbozow Robbyng they let that alone,
And tooke Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

If Robbyng in that way, byed hangynge so,
By theft to take, way, towne, castell and all,
What Scarbozow hangynge craueth this so?
Weare your selues herein Iudges capitall:
I thinke your Iudgements on these wooꝝds must fall.
Scarbozow Robbyng who letteth not alone,
Scarbozow hangynge deserue euerychone.

We wold to god that you (and al of you)
Had but considered: as wel as ye knew:
The end of all traytozie, as you see it now.
Long to haue liued, louynge subiectes trew,
Alas: your losse we not reioyse, but reu.
That Scarbozow castell ye leete not alone,
And tooke Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

To crafts that euer thryue, wyse men euer cleaue.
To crafts that seeld when thryue, wyse men seeld when flee.
The crafts that neuer thryue, a foole can learne to leaue.
This thysle crafty crafte then clere leaue we.
One God, one Kyng, one Queene, serue franke and free.
Their Scarbozow castell let it alone,
Take we Scarbozow warnynge euerychone.

Our soueraigne loꝝd: and soueraigne lady both.
Lawde we our loꝝde, for their prosperitee.
Beseching him for it: as it now goth,
And to this daie hath gone, that it may bee:
Continued so, in perpetuitee.
We lettynge they Scarbozow castells alone,
Takynge Scarbozow warnynge euerychone,

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